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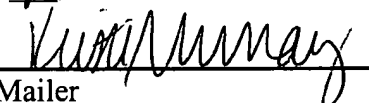
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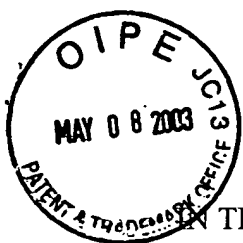
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The references cited on the attached PTO-1449 were cited in an Israeli Office Action dated April 2, 2003, of corresponding Israeli Patent Application No. 149,442. A copy of the Israeli Office Action is enclosed herewith. We have been informed that the sections labeled "1" and "2" translate as follows:

"1. Claims 1 and 17 are too general and do not express inventive step as required under Section 5 of the Law in view of the publication of WO 9637075 (in consideration of U.S. Patent 5,724,091) and in consideration of U.S. Patent 5,613,909.

2. Your attention is also directed to U.S. Patents 5,745,126 and  
5,729,471.”

**Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)**

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

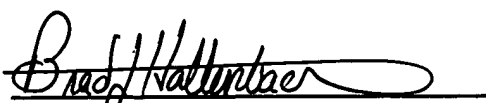
PCT reference WO 9637075 and United States Patent No. 5,724,091, cited in the Official Action, were previously cited in connection with the instant patent application. Therefore, they are not cited again on the Form PTO-1449 and copies are not being provided in conjunction with this Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1) and (e)(1). Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. In the event that any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account 04-1415. Likewise, please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 04-1415.

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